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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJECT: FUTURE US/KUWAITI MILITARY RELATIONS

1. I BELIEVE I SHOULD CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION TWO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS RE THE ABOVE SUBJECT AND SOLICIT YOUR ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE.

2. FIRST, WE HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF A MESSAGE FROM USCINCEUR (031857Z FEB 75 NOT SENT TO STATE) TO THE JCS AND MARINE CORPS ASKING THAT, TO "NORMALIZE COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS", COLONEL STANLEY COX (CHIEF OF USLOK) BE ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND WITH DUTY STATION IN KUWAIT. COL COX'S PRESENT ORDERS FROM THE MARINE CORPS ASSIGNED HIM TO THE EMBASSY STAFF.

3. I ASSUME THAT DESPITE SUCH ACTION COL COX WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO ME ON ALL MILITARY MATTERS IN KUWAIT AND THAT I WILL CONTINUE TO EXERCISE OVER-ALL SUPERVISION OF DOD ACTIVITIES IN THIS COUNTRY. HOWEVER, I'M NOT SURE THAT ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT. MOREOVER, IT MAY BE PREMATURE TO AMEND COL COX'S ORDERS UNTIL WE HAVE A FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH THE GOK ON OUR FUTURE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP. IN ANY CASE, BEFORE COL COX'S ORDERS ARE AMENDED I THINK PM SHOULD MAKE INQUIRIES AND
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APPROVE THE MODIFICATION.

4. SECOND, I HAVE AGREED TO RECEIVE A SMALL TEAM FROM USCINCEUR ON FEBRUARY 19 WHICH IS BEING SENT TO KUWAIT TO SEEK MY APPROVAL OF AND TO DISCUSS A BASIC AGREEMENT DEVELOPED BY USCINCEUR DESIGNED FOR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS (FOLLOWING STATE/DOD CONCURRENCE) WITH THE GOK ON A CONTINUED US MILITARY PRESENCE IN KUWAIT. I HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT, WHILE I WILL MEET WITH THE TEAM, I AM NOT YET PREPARED TO PROVIDE DEFINITIVE VIEWS ON WHAT SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND STATUS WE SHOULD SEEK FOR US MILITARY PERSONNEL UNDER ANY FUTURE AGREEMENT WE MAY REACH WITH THE GOK.

5. BEFORE RECEIVING THE CINCEUR TEAM, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW THE STATUS AND CONTENTS OF THE CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY PREPARED BY STATE AUTHORIZING ME TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOK. COULD YOU ASK SOMEONE TO PROVIDE ME WITH INFO ON THIS SUBJECT?
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